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Remembering them

Brian Hambly, Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 Sgt. at Arms, stands with Second World War veteran Billy Pickard during the laying of the wreaths in the Remembrance Day ceremony hosted by Haliburton at the cenotaph on Friday, Nov. 11. Pickard served with the Canadian army and provided support in postal work. There were 34 wreaths erected in front of the cenotaph.

Darren Lum
Echo staff

Patient transfers bog down EMS

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Out-of-county transfers continue to be a problem for the county's EMS department.

According to stats presented by county EMS director Pat Kennedy at a committee meeting Nov. 9, the number of these transfers is on the rise.

While there were 348 transfers between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 of 2010, there were 437 for the same

period this year; an increase of 25 per cent.

While in 2010 there were 45 days where the department did three or more transfers out of the county, there have been 60 in 2011, representing an almost 40 per cent increase.

"One day we did eight transfers in one day," Kennedy said.

That day was in July.

According to Kennedy, this increase has "significant impacts of emergency up-staffing and shift over-run costs."

Heart attack victims requiring certain treat-

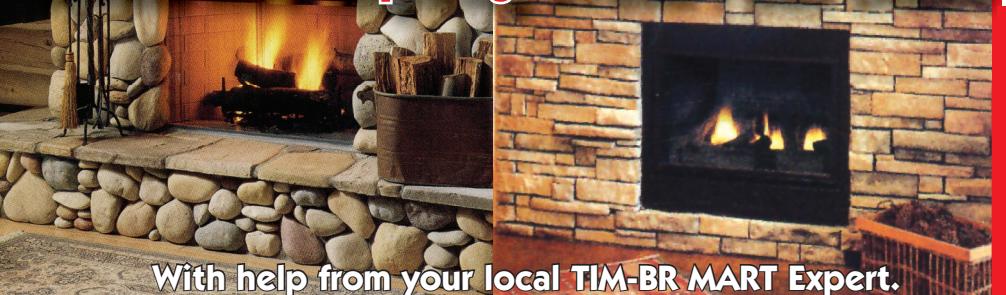
ment represent the majority of these transfers.

Kennedy presented corrected call volume information for the county.

For the period of Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 of this year, the Haliburton base received 984 calls and the Minden base 718, for a total of 1,702.

Incorrect information supplied by the health ministry had previously put the Haliburton base at 872 calls and the Minden base at 583 calls, for a total of 1,455.

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MNR fire base likely to leave Haliburton

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It is nearly a certainty that the Ministry of Natural Resources will be moving its local fire base from Haliburton to the Stanhope airport.

Councillors for Algonquin Highlands township held a lengthy, four-hour closed meeting Nov. 7 and coming out passed a number of resolutions that will help facilitate the construction of a new MNR base on the airport property.

"They've advanced enough they've had architects do a footprint on the land," Reeve Carol Moffatt told the paper. "They've made a lot of significant decisions that indicate that the MNR is coming to Stanhope airport."

The base, which would be located behind the airport's existing hangars, would be a one-storey building with an apron accommodating a minimum of two choppers and two twin Otter aircraft.

There would be parking for staff - 54 seasonal and six to eight year-round employees - as well as a fleet of MNR vehicles.

Monday's meeting between councillors and engineer Mike Osborne, who drew up the township's 2007 vision document for the airport property, was held to go over the technical requirements the MNR needs to meet before it can proceed with construction.

The ministry must conduct hydro-geological and geo-technical studies on the site to ensure the property's composition suits its needs. The ministry would be drilling a well for the base.

Council passed a resolution to clear eight acres of bush at the site as well as to authorize Osborne to conduct a top-

ographical survey.

The cost of the bush-clearing and survey is not to exceed \$30,000.

"We also had the overall philosophical discussion, does this council have an interest in looking at other kinds of business development on those lands?" Moffatt said.

The township has been approved by HCDC for \$15,000 for a development plan for the site and Moffatt said the township would be pursuing a plan in the new year once the township strikes up an economic development committee and once a new Ward 3 councillor has been sworn in.

The township would be responsible for some infrastructure pertaining to the base, including the construction of aprons and taxiways.

"Some people might say, 'if the MNR wants to come to the airport, they should pay for it themselves,'" Moffatt said. "Well, when you build a housing development, you don't say to people, 'see that piece of bush? Build your house there.'"

Osborne has been also been authorized to investigate how much it will cost the township for site prep work for the base and Moffatt expected council would know that figure in about four weeks' time.

Where will that money come from?

Council is trying to convince the federal and provincial governments to let the township use the Building Canada Fund money that was earmarked for a second runway at the airport under the previous council for the project.

Councillors approved formal written requests for such to both levels of government at Monday's meeting and Moffatt said after a conversation she'd had with Ontario infrastructure minister Bob Chiarelli, she feels optimistic the

scope change for the project will get approved.

The township was approved for two thirds of up to \$3.4 million by the province and feds, with the township being responsible for the other third.

Moffatt said the scope change would be required for the project to proceed.

The MNR project would mean nails would formally be driven into the proverbial coffin of the widely-unpopular runway project.

"Once we are secure in a contract with the MNR, the discussion about rescinding the resolution to build a runway will be tabled," Moffatt said.

Moffatt was the sole member of the previous council who opposed the runway project and the rest of the current council decried the project during last year's election campaign.

The reeve said the lease money from the MNR would be used against the township's costs.

As far as the company the township would use for the site prep work it must do, Moffatt said "we're trying to work within the confines of decisions already made," referring to the fact the previous council signed a contract with company Todd Brothers.

That contract was for \$459,000 for the paving of the runway, \$290,000 of which would have been covered by the Building Canada Fund money.

If all goes according to plan, the MNR would be doing its site preparation in the fall of next year.

"I know there's been some angst that council's been sitting for 10 months and there are people who think we haven't done anything," Moffatt said. "Trust me, this has all been just ticking away in the background."

Nominations open for Guardian Angel Awards

Riley Maracle
Co-op student

For the third year, the YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria, and Haliburton is accepting nominees for the Guardian Angel Award of 2011.

Three lucky women who have made a positive influence

on other women in Haliburton County will be given this award.

If you know a woman who has made a positive influence, nominate her by going to www.ywcapeterborough.org and printing off a form, emailing Sarah Adams, resource development coordinator at sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca, calling 705-457-0260, or pick up a form at JanKnits Studio in Haliburton and Whispers North in Minden.

The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 6 (which is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women) from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The ceremony is free of charge but donations will be accepted, proceeds will be going to the anti-violence program at YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County.

Recipients will receive a certificate, as well as an angel statue donated by Teddy Time.

The Canadian Federation University Women will be introducing groups, as well as saying a few words about violence against women.

Filling shorelands leads to hefty fine

A Haliburton area contractor has been fined \$5,000 for illegally filling shore lands.

Blair Sand & Gravel pleaded guilty to causing shore lands to be filled without a permit.

The court heard that Blair Sand & Gravel had constructed a road in the Haliburton Lake area. The road was constructed by blasting out a rocky hillside, which caused large rocks to be deposited along the shore of Haliburton Lake.

Justice of the peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Nov. 3.

Contractors are reminded to contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources office before starting any work in or near the water to learn what permits or authorizations may be required. Penalties for filling shore lands can include fines of up to \$10,000, and offenders may be required to restore the sites at their expense.

Social media a focus for new tourism coordinator

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County's new tourism coordinator, Maria Micallef, made a presentation to members of the county's economic development committee at their Nov. 9 meeting.

Micallef, former manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, started her new position with the county in mid-October.

"Social media is on my radar," she said, explaining that she plans to optimize usage of such technology, becoming less reliant on print advertising.

In fact, Micallef has many plans for change within the department.

"I will scrutinize everything that's being done right now," she said.

Micallef, who said she's been observing some of the strategic planning with the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization, of which the county is part, shared numerous ideas with councillors.

Committee chairwoman and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said the challenge for council would be finding funding to support them.

"I know the restraints," Micallef said, emphasizing that forming partnerships would be key in moving some of her tourism promotion ideas forward.

The Highlands Weekender

November 17, 2011

YWCA celebrates 25 years with Peace, Love and Acoustic Guitar

Don your grooviest get-up and get down with Peace, Love and Acoustic Guitar! A fun and funky fundraising event celebrating 25 years of YWCA in Haliburton County. The evening promises to be like nothing you've seen before. There will be a silent auction and an array of fun muniches including bracketing, karaoke, and more.

Sarah Adams, Resource Development Coordinator at Haliburton County YWCA, says "the peace and love theme fits well with YWCA's mission of working to end violence against women, as well as our commitment to peace and equality." The event will be held at McKechnie's in Haliburton. Gray's Pancake Cafe in Minden and South Algonquin Diner in Whifford. Event sponsors are High River Inn, Minden Inn, Minden Hills Motel, Mica Motel, Parker Pub and Printing and Boomer Creations. Proceeds will support the YWCA Women's Centre, the YWCA Women's Program, and the YWCA Violence-free line for themselves and their children.



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A penny saved is a danger earned

Union tour hits Haliburton to raise awareness of the importance of trained hospital support workers

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A mobile hospital room is being used to bring light to a dark situation regarding the state of Ontario's health care.

Organized by the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU) of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), a provincial tour using a mobile hospital room to educate and raise awareness for the importance of properly trained support staff employees was at its virtual end when it stopped in Haliburton with its hospital room mockup, complete with a patient's bed and three walls at the Royal Canadian Legion on Monday, Nov. 7.

The OCHU used this tour as part of their ongoing campaign against the privatization of support staff, namely patient room cleaning, claiming the expertise and skills of support staff is integral to avoiding superbug outbreaks such as C. Difficile. Their campaign has also included superbug public reporting and improved resources for hospital housekeeping.

Led by OCHU union representatives Sharon Richer and Louis Rodrigues, the tour was nearing the end of its seven-month journey, after they visited more than 55 communities, including conventions and other venues throughout the province.

The union representatives said Haliburton Highlands Health Services support staff employees like Dona Noel, who has worked for HHHS for more than 20 years, are important protectors of the

health and welfare of patients. Their role is equally important to the doctors and nurses, they said.

Noel said with her experience it's hard to impart on others the thousands of things that need to be sanitized to ensure there isn't a spread of contagions. As far as she is concerned everything in a patient's room is contaminated. From high to low, the wheels attached to furniture to the lights and the knobs on all of the electronic medical devices, they must all be cleaned or removed.

Although she may only take an hour to clean some rooms, she acknowledges it is the very minimum and that in some situations cleaning requires greater time and care. There aren't any short cuts for a person's health.

As part of the union, Noel said, she receives annual training and receives regular updates during monthly meetings locally and from colleagues upon returning from union meetings.

It is common practice, she said, to always have a senior colleague for questions or help and believes that kind of resource is not available for private company support staff.

The one-day tour visit provides the public an opportunity to learn through the local media about the methods, procedures and diligence necessary that support staff must follow to avoid outbreaks such as C. Difficile. Local employees give demonstrations and answer questions.

This past summer a \$50 million class action lawsuit was certified after an outbreak of C. Difficile left 91 infected patients dead at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, which had occurred from May 2006 to December 2007. The outbreak was not made public until the spring of 2008 when outside experts reviewed the outbreak. Since the tragedy, the Ontario government instituted mandatory public reporting of hospital infections in late 2008.

**Darren Lum** Staff

HHSS support worker Dona Noel shows just a few things she does to properly clean a hospital patients' room during the tour of the mobile hospital room, which illustrates the issues related to hospital acquired infections at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on Monday, Nov. 7.

Such an outcome is avoidable and the money that may be spent for the lawsuit could have easily been invested in the prevention towards saving lives instead of saving money, Rodrigues said.

There has been \$1 billion spent annually on dealing with hospital-acquired infections in this country, he said.

The tour, which started this year in May, has raised awareness and pushed the government towards such initiatives as hand washing, but falls short of doing the most for its patients, said Rodrigues.

"It becomes more about saving money instead of lives," he said.

He was with the tour in its first year that started eight years ago.

The start of the tour was in response to

the rising numbers of hospital-acquired illnesses.

Richer said they visited more than 60 hospitals and went as far north as Kenora and ended in Brockville recently, including stops at conventions and other venues.

Currently there is no private company offering support staff services in the Highlands.

OCHU, which has 63 union members in Minden, represents 64 hospitals in Ontario that includes 35,000 hospital workers. The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) represents the supportive staff at the Haliburton medical site.

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Local men grow 'mo' hair for Movember

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Laughing, he admits he's a long way from looking the part.

This entire month Nick Swift is like many men around the world growing a moustache for the month of November in support of Movember.

Movember is a charitable initiative to raise money, awareness and funds for men's health, particularly for prostate cancer.

Swift might find it difficult to grow a moustache, but knows first hand about the dangers of cancer, losing his father to eye cancer two years ago.

He believes this campaign can help to remind men of the importance of regular checkups with doctors as a measure against contracting illnesses and for early detection of cancer such as prostate cancer, which he said is rising since women are more likely to have checkups than men.

"Up here there is an attitude where if it isn't broke don't fix it," he said.

Swift has recruited 17 men, virtually all of his co-workers and boss Kim Emmerson at Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton, for Team Emmerson. The one colleague who isn't participating was away for the start. The team's goal is to raise \$500. So far it has raised \$250.

Anyone interested in contributing to Team Emmerson can call Swift at 705-854-2004 or email nick@emmerson-lumber.com.

This is Swift's second year and he has his entire family raising money or growing moustaches like his older brother Alex. His mother Catherine, who contracted breast cancer eight years ago, is in full support. The Swift family has contributed \$120 to Team Emmerson.

This charitable effort helps to fund the Movember Foundation and Prostate Cancer Canada.

Started in Melbourne, Australia in 2003, this campaign has steadily grown and now includes the participation of 1.1 million people around the world. There has been participation in New Zealand, Australia, US, Canada, Spain, South Africa, United Kingdom, South Africa, The Nether-



Darren Lum Staff

Nick Swift, centre front, is the Team Emmerson captain for Movember, (from left at back, Glenn Hodgkinson, Rod Consack, Dave Nuttall, Pat Watts, Terry Barlow, Mike Clelow, Don Stromberg, Barry Shaw, and Tyler Stewart) which is a month-long fundraising event that raises awareness and money for men's health, particularly prostate cancer. Team members and thousands like them around the world grow moustaches, indicating their support of the cause. Absent for the photo is Kim and Ryan Emmerson, Ben DeCarlo, Dave Colwell, Willy Barbour, James Raposo, Tom Burke and Brian Brickles.

lands and Ireland.

Prostate cancer is the No. 1 killer among men.

In 2010 this campaign helped to raise \$22.3 million from the support of close to 119,000 people in Canada.

There was \$76.8 million (Can.) raised throughout the world last year.

For more information and for online contributions see the website ca.movember.com.

Reeves like what they see in guide

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's four reeves got their first peek at what the county's 2012 Destination Guide might look like last week and seemed to like what they saw.

Janis Parker of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. visited the county's economic development committee during a Nov. 9 meeting and brought with her mockups for the cover and centrefold of next year's guide.

"I don't need to make any money on this," Parker told councillors. "I'd just really like to break even."

Parker said she'd been doing a lot of research, including talking with members of the Haliburton County Tourism Board, and was trying to bring a more Haliburton-centric, less generic look to the publication.

Among Parker's ideas is to split the guide's print run in two, printing half with a summer scene on the front and half with a winter scene, to make the guide more relevant year-round.

The centre page would feature four vertical panels, one for each of the county's four lower-tier townships to promote themselves. The main colour in those advertisement would correlate to a map of the county also included in the

guide.

Next year's guide will contain coupons and Parker is hoping to have \$5,000 worth of saving contained in the booklet.

She said the addition of coupons to the guide will mean that advertisers who want coupons will have to purchase both sides of a page, since one business can't ruin the page of another.

"We're working hard on the advertising and it's going very well," she said.

Committee chairwoman and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid had been advocating for the inclusion of coupons in the guide and thought their addition would mean more people who retain the guide longer.

"That's a reason to hang onto this book," she said.

There was a small round of applause from the committee – comprised of the county's four reeves – for the guide concept and Parker will be sending individual packages to each of the townships.

County council awarded the contract of the guide to Parker in the summer. The company had the cheapest bid for the printing component of the guide – approximately \$14,500 – and the creative component, for \$28,800.

The print run for 2012 will be 50,000, down 10,000 from this year.



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Canada is built upon sacrifices, vet says

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The room was silent as he spoke of the sacrifices Canadian soldiers have made for this country in the name of freedom.

Master corporal Mike Trauner left the audience of more than 200 inspired and uplifted, after the Afghanistan veteran showed two videos and spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 dinner in Haliburton on Friday, Nov. 11.

When that improvised explosive device (IED) exploded, throwing him in the air on Dec. 5, 2008, he was left with much of his legs destroyed. Unable to walk, with broken bones in his left arm and hand, the injury didn't damage Trauner's belief in himself and his desire to help others.

For all of the personal challenges the 12-year infantry veteran has had in the past few years (including rehabilitation and multiple surgeries) his dedication to others and service to this country has never wavered.

"Some of the hardest things I've had to do as a soldier ... is carry my friends home on my shoulder, unloading them off the plane [in a coffin] and bringing them to their final resting place. And even harder than that is having their mother and father come up to me and ask for my perspective as a soldier [on] why their son died and if it was worth it. What do you say to that? He was my friend. He was my brother. I loved him and I will miss him," he said.

"Far too many soldiers have done this since the beginning of time. It never gets easy. You never forget. This is where Remembrance Day comes in so we can spread the message to regular folks and pass on the message so it doesn't get forgotten."

Trauner adds Canada would not exist without soldiers, citing the sacrifices of the many Canadian soldiers in past wars such as the War of 1812, First World War, Second World War, Korea and Afghanistan.

When he was on the journey of recovery in the Ottawa rehabilitation hospital, doctors told him he would never walk again. A subsequent physiotherapist's assessment said he would never walk more than 500 metres without the aid of canes.

Undeterred, Trauner doggedly worked to prove them wrong, looking to exceed their limits.

Through his own perseverance, determination, hard work and courage, he not only walked, but also became an inspiration to everyone at the hospital and was recognized with the Guardian Angel Pin from the hospital while still a patient.

This pin is normally awarded to medical staff for outstanding care, support and dedication to patients. He said it was a surprise and a great honour. He was even responsible for raising \$70,000 for the centre where he spent 13 months learning to walk.

Just nine months after the IED destroyed his legs he completed five kilometres with his prosthetic.

ics in The Army Run.

Trauner said a soldier possesses three character traits: courage, honour and selflessness.

For everything he has done, he lives up to this ideal and has been recognized for it with the To the Top Canada Award for service and citizenship, which recognizes efforts to make Canada a better place, and bestows the honour of carrying the Olympic torch.

Trauner continues to serve at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa. He visits and counsels injured soldiers across the country and makes numerous appearances to raise awareness and money.

His wife Leah Cuffe has been with him every step of the way and was at his side for the Haliburton dinner, as she is for every ceremony he attends.

She speaks with pride about her husband of nine years, who raises money for military families in need.

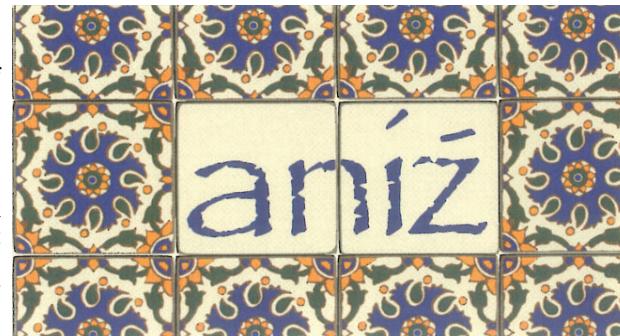
Trauner has been to several large-scale Remembrance Day ceremonies in city centres such as Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, and CFB Petawawa. It means a lot for him to see the many veterans in small communities such as Haliburton.

"Most of the main sacrifices are made by small communities around Canada. The more I travel Canada and meet veterans ... the more you can understand that sacrifice," he said.

The dinner, which was catered by the Ladies' Auxiliary and assisted in serving by the Cadet Corps 129 Hastings-Prince Edward Regiment, was attended by such dignitaries as Royal Canadian Legion district F commander Kelvin Warren and Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al reeve and Haliburton County warden.

Trauner came to Haliburton because of an established friendship with Kim Stamp, who met him during her efforts to send care packages to Canadian soldiers. They met at the Ottawa rehabilitation hospital in late 2009.

Stamp said the amazing thing about her friend



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Seated, Leah Cuffe, left, looks over to her husband, master corporal Mike Trauner, who was the guest speaker for the Remembrance Day dinner hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 in Haliburton on Friday, Nov. 11.

is his tireless efforts to help others despite a life-time of challenge for he and his wife.

During a visit to the Stamp home on Soyers Lake by Trauner and his wife a year after they met she remembers how much his sense of humour remains.

"When I had him and his wife over I told him he can relax and put up his feet. He said, 'I could

take them off for you and put them on the table for you if you want,'" she recalls.

Whenever Trauner is faced with the question: is going overseas worth it, his answer is definitive and without hesitation.

"I say ... I want to make sure there is a bright future for our children and that is why soldiers do what they do. They're selfless," he said.

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points of view

Food for thought

NOVEMBER IS THE time of year when most people who feed wildlife start their winter ritual of putting out pellets and seed.

In the brutal cold and long days of a Highlands winter, it seems most humane to help local animals along, giving them a break from their search for sustaining nourishment when it appears there is nothing to be had.

It is also a way to get a glimpse of animals that would most times be hidden in the forests.

There is no better way to get a close-up photograph of a blue jay or deer than to have them feed outside your kitchen window.

But while feeding the local chickadee population has few negative side effects for animals or humans, feeding deer is another story.

The Ministry of Natural Resources cautions against putting food out for deer both for the inadvertent damage that can be done to wildlife and the danger that concentrated deer populations can pose to drivers.

In the winter, deer live essentially on twigs.

It seems like a sparse diet begging to be supplemented, but MNR biologists argue the opposite.

It is natural for a deer's metabolism to slow down during winter months; deer are accustomed to eating less and moving less during the cold season.

(In rare situations, the MNR will institute a controlled deer feed-

ing program if the winter gets too harsh.)

There are other risks to the animals as well.

Having too many animals in close quarters can allow diseases to spread more easily and can also put undue pressure on the fauna where they congregate.

Deer socialized to humans can also lose their natural fear, which serves to protect them in the end.

Coupled with that, attracting deer to private property usually means asking them to regularly cross roads.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, one out of every 17 car collisions is with a wild animal and in 2007, nearly 14,000 vehicle/wildlife collisions were reported.

The peak month for animal/car crashes is November.

Not surprisingly, the MTO also asks people not to feed deer during the winter for just this reason.

The impulse to help deer out during the cold, dark days of the year is understandable, but the potential consequences aren't worth it.

Deer can manage without us and sometimes our help isn't help at all.

Note: the exhibition detailed in last week's editorial took place at the Minden Hills Museum. Curator Caroline McLaughlan-Darling was responsible for moving it from the Museum to the web.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Autumn remnants

photo by Darren Lum

You can't miss it

IF THERE IS any single sentence that strikes terror into the heart of the average outdoorsman, it has to be the phrase, "You can't miss it."

I was reminded of this during last week's deer hunt when one of the guys at camp provided me with verbal directions to a new tree stand location, one that I was asked to find in the pre-dawn darkness.

"Where is it?" I asked.

"Oh, it's easy to find. Walk down the main trail until you hit a boulder - you can't miss it - then walk up the hill and, as soon as you get to the top, look to the left and you'll see the stand."

And then, as if to make matters worse, he repeated, "You can't miss it."

I should have packed an overnight bag then and there.

One "You can't miss it" is bad enough. But when someone gives you two of these in the same set of directions, the odds are pretty good you'll end up somewhere within a few kilometres of where Amelia Earhart touched down. Rumour has it, she was given three.

The sad part is that every outdoorsman knows that "You can't miss it" loosely translates into something like "If you are lucky, you'll stumble onto it by the fourth morning." Yet, despite this, we still listen politely to the directions and head off, knowing full well that we're sure to be lost within the hour.

That particular morning things didn't go nearly that bad, however.

Missing the trail, the old stump and the correct hill, took only 15 minutes.

So, I decided to sit down and wait until daylight before looking for the usual signs telling me I had arrived at a place somewhere far beyond the margins of the map I was carrying.

Even so, as the sun rose, I had hope.

I mean, how hard could it be to find a hill and a boulder in this country?

Later that morning, after locating my 186th of each, I decided to pack it in and use my GPS to make my way back to camp for breakfast.

Unfortunately, the direct route ordained by the satellites took me through several bogs, one hawthorn thicket, around a pond and over six heart-attack-inducing hills.

By the time I got back, I was good and ready for breakfast - as well as the dinner they were serving.

"Well, did you find the tree stand?" my friend asked.

"Not quite," I said. "But I did cut across the tracks of a big old buck."

"Where?" he asked.

"Oh, walk down the old logging road until you see a beech tree, then, turn north until you hear the creek and east through the poplars until you hit into a well-used game trail..."

"It sounds kind of hard to find," he said.

"You can't miss it..." I smiled.



Steve Galea
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points of view

North and South

MARGERY WAS STARTING to feel the dark weight begin to lift. They had been on the road for a day and the world outside their car window was turning a more optimistic shade. This morning she had shed her jacket, throwing it into the backseat and shaking her shoulders as though shedding a skin. Snake-like, she was casting off something she no longer needed. Joe looked over at her and smiled.

For eight years he and Margery had been heading south to Texas for six months in the sun. They had a nice little mobile home in a retirement park a stone's throw from Mexico. It was their winter home, their other life. Friends whom they had developed over those eight years would

be waiting for them or about to arrive in the park. It was an enjoyable time and place to be at this stage of their lives. Much like when they were teenagers, Margery and Joe again tended to cluster with folks their own age, sharing interests and life experiences.

After four nights in budget motels and too many greasy meals and coffee-fueled hours, they pulled through the gates and into the carport beside their mobile. As usual there was a warm breeze sliding in off the Gulf of Mexico and the palms waved and rattled around their winter home. Margery stepped out of the car and filled her lungs with the soft

southern air.

Friends and family back home often asked them what they could possibly do down there for six months without succumbing to boredom. Well they were able to indulge their shared passion for golf on a daily basis, Joe would explain. Then there was the local hospital where they volunteered a few hours a week, wearing crisp blue tunics while dispensing snacks from a trolley to the patients and chatting up a storm all the while. And Margery stated they never tired of crossing over into Mexico to poke around in the markets where there was not a loon or moose in sight. Then in the afternoons they liked to linger over very inexpensive cocktails while being treated like royalty by the serving staff.

State-side there were huge malls with merchandise never seen back home. They didn't buy much but it was fun to stroll through the stores and gawk at the enormous variety and low prices. Don't forget the food, Joe would remind her and then talk about the Tex-Mex meals he had grown to enjoy with its spicy tastes that were as far from roast beef and potatoes as Mars from the moon.

But some days they never left the park. Mornings arrived, gently wafting in through the open windows, as Joe and Margery spooned into their grapefruits and watched the grackles hoping about the park's grounds. Then Margery might stretch out with a good book by the pool while Joe swam laps. Later there could be a game of shuffle board or bridge or billiards in the park's community hall. They were never cold or uncomfortable or lonely.

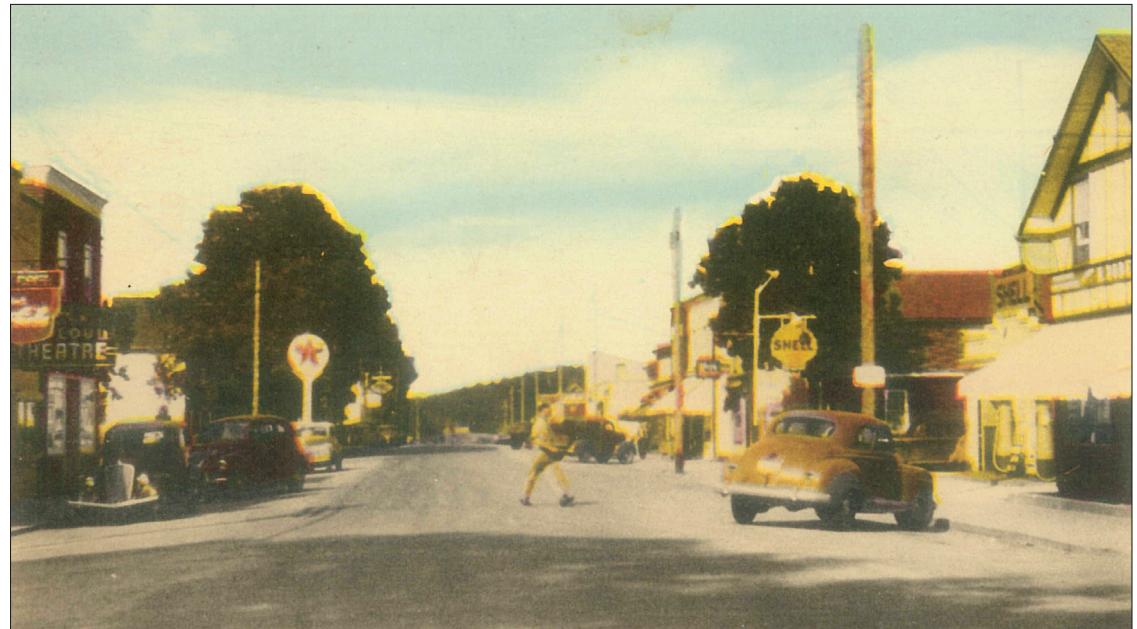
Max watched his friends' car pull out of their driveway. He'd miss Margery and Joe, as he did every winter. But while he understood why they went south for half the year and had even visited them in Texas on a few occasions, he had no desire to emulate them.

His winter was full of curling, snowmobiling and snowshoeing with all his friends. And when he wasn't doing those, Max actually enjoyed curling up by his woodstove with a really good book, more than a little smug knowing he had split and piled the firewood himself. Sure the roads could be icy and the snow piled up like a politician's promises. But he could walk to the curling rink if he wanted and there always seemed to be a tournament in the works. And to head out on his snowmobile with the day opening up like a surprise package was something he wanted to enjoy as long as he was able. Clean fresh air, pristine snow and not a soul in sight was pure pleasure for him.

But most of all, Max would miss the changing seasons: the grey dark November days followed by the sparkling white of December and January, the melting promise of February, the windy turbulence of March and finally the fresh warm rains of April. So as he waved goodbye to his friends, he was thinking, "Winter - bring it on!"



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road



pic of the past

Main Street of Haliburton in 1964, looking west. /Photo submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Extremely impressed

To the Editor,

On Monday, Oct. 31 (Halloween), young dancers performed in a *Thriller* flash mob at the Village Barn in Haliburton. This choreographed piece drew a large audience of trick-or-treaters and their families, and resulted in front page photo coverage from the *Haliburton Echo* in their Nov. 8 edition!

As the lucky guy chosen to step into the shoes of the King of Pop for one night, I must say I was extremely impressed with all of the dancers and the hard work they put into this classic piece in the weeks leading up to the show. They were a dedicated, energetic and fun bunch to work with.

Special thanks go to Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton for donating her studio space for rehearsals and Gustavo Rojas for his choreography work. And last but not least, thanks to reporter Angelica Blenich for coming (and arriving early) to capture this magical moment that brought so many people together for a re-enactment of one of the greatest music videos of all time!

Mark Arike
Haliburton

Best remembrance ceremony yet

To the Editor,

It is the morning after Remembrance Day and I wish to thank President Carla Watson and her executive of Branch 129 Haliburton Legion for one of the very best Remembrance Day celebrations that I can remember.

The service at the cenotaph was warming to the many who turned out for it. It was super to see the school children there in the front row and the winning essay being read from the author was very touching. The noon reception back at the Legion Club room was well attended.

But best of all, was the evening dinner with Mike Trauner being the speaker for the evening - what an amazing representative for all our Canadian troops. His inspirational presentation was appreciated by all. Acknowledging all the veterans in attendance was also a nice recognition.

Thanks Carla, and keep up the good work on behalf of all Canadian troops past, present and future.

Wendy Vermeersch
Haliburton

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letters

Witches are people too

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Rowan Morningstar for the informative letter in the Nov. 1 issue.

I am only 12, and society has told me that witches are made of wood and to burn witches on sight. Now I realize that witches are people too, and I will no longer attack witches with burning torches.

I've also resolved to use my pitchfork for moving hay only.

Betty Paton
Haliburton

HHSS drama class to raise awareness through play

On Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion the HHSS Grade 11 and 12 drama classes will be presenting *Moments and Monologues* from *The Laramie Project*- a play/docudrama by Moises Kaufman.

(The program, which is directed by drama teacher Elke Zilla, is part of The HHSS Class Acts Character Education Initiative: Erase Hate. The docudrama will also be presented as an afternoon assembly to Grade 11 and 12 HHSS students during Kindness Week.)

Please note: some harsh language content*

This year's dramatic showcase is a stunningly effective theatre piece which chronicles the murder of a Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old university student who was kidnapped, tied to a fence, severely beaten and left to die, in Laramie, Wyoming.

The 40 students have constructed a deeply moving theatrical collage of interviews, monologues, slides and music depicting the breadth of a small town reactions to a brutal anti-gay hate crime that shocked the nation. Matthew's memorial service was attended by friends and family from around the world and garnered immense media attention that brought this story to the forefront of the fight against bigotry and hate.

The life and death of Matthew Shepard changed the way we talk about, and deal with, hate in North America. Since his death, Matt's murder has challenged and inspired millions of individuals to erase hate in all its forms. On Nov. 23, Matthew Shepard's legacy will live on through a powerful dramatic showcase and collaboration of HHSS students who actively seek to replace hate with compassion, understanding and acceptance.

HHSS Class Acts Mission/Learning Goal:

To encourage respect for human dignity and difference by raising awareness, opening dialogues, and promoting positive change to the students of HHSS through a variety of dramatic conventions

Vision

To "replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance"

Desired outcome

To persuade people to think differently, behave differently, and inform others of the importance and value of diversity.

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First Battalion, Nov. 6, 1940, Midland. /Photo submitted by Carman Lee



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A Christmas Carol opens season for Razzamataz



Darren Lum Staff

Dufflebag Theatre performer Mike Musi portrays the door to Ebenezer Scrooge's home during an improvisational A Christmas Carol production involving the audience members hosted at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 13. This is the first performance in the children's series of shows that are organized by Razzamataz Kids Shows. The next show is Circus Terrifico at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. For more information go to their website www.razzamatazz.ca or call Dawn Hurd at 705-455-9435.

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Mike Musi portrays the ghost of Christmas present, holding a hand, as narrator Marcus Lundgren looks on with Haliburton resident, Jacob Dobson, as Ebenezer Scrooge jumps.



A child smiles during the first Razzamatazz Kids Shows performance of A Christmas Carol by the Dufflebag Theatre as staged for 145 people.



Dufflebag Theatre narrator Marcus Lundgren, left, gives direction to audience members turned performers Jacob Dobson, as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Tannis Bain-Gross, Scrooge's love interest, Victoria.

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Darren Lum



The Silver Cross Mother, right, Eileen Morrison is helped to the cenotaph to place one of 34 wreaths during the Remembrance Day ceremony, which was hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 in Haliburton on Nov. 11. Morrison served with the Royal Air Force in England during the Second World War, providing general duties for medical boats and hospitals. Born in London in 1917, Morrison met her Canadian husband and later settled in Canada after the war.



There were close to 50 service men and women from Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, representing the army, navy and the air force.



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums led the parade of close to 100 people, which included veterans, service men and women and other dignitaries to the cenotaph.



Above, Kimberly Warnica reads from her essay, thanking the veterans for their service in earning the freedom she and her generation enjoys.

Below, Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums leader Andrew Mansfield helps to lead the parade of veterans, service men and women, and dignitaries to start the Remembrance Day ceremony.



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Addressing overwhelming need

Jenn Watt
Editor

Photos show rows of teeth eaten away by decay.

The dentists tell stories of patients with chronic infections and swelling that disrupts their daily lives.

One man pulled eight of his own teeth.

The need was greater than most anticipated.

It's been just six months since the Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic opened in Haliburton and in that time, more than \$113,762 in dental work has been completed - double the estimates of the committee that launched the service for low-income adults.

"What we didn't expect was the amount of decay: the degree of need within each patient," founding member and office volunteer Lisa Kerr says.

"My expectation was they'd need a few fillings here or there. They're needing extensive work."

Lisa's husband, Dr. Bill Kerr, is doing much of the work as a volunteer dentist at the clinic.

He has been involved in many volunteer dentistry pursuits, but even he was stunned by the depth of need in Haliburton County.

"There are things that I see in this clinic that I've never seen in 24 years of practice and I've gone to Honduras and done dentistry and I've done free clinics in Scarborough and I just am blown away," he says.

"You're seeing people who haven't seen a dentist in 25 years."

While there are government dental health programs for children from low-income households, there is nothing for adults.

Living in one of the poorest counties in Ontario, it is predictable that many won't regularly visit the dentist for lack of finances.

What the staff at the clinic have seen is the result of that involuntary neglect.

"I saw a 74-year-old man who's seen a dentist three times in his life and the majority of his own teeth are missing. He's pulled them himself," hygienist Lisa Stoughton says.

So far, Volunteer Dental Outreach has seen 111 patients and there are about 28 on the waiting list.

While the community has rallied around the clinic through strong fundraising efforts, to meet the need the committee is looking



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic workers, left, Kathy and John Purc and Skye Smith show off the dentures Smith was working on Nov. 9. John Purc, a local dentist, volunteers two days a month with his wife Kathy, who does office administration. Smith, a dental assistant, is the clinic's sole employee.

for another two or three dentists to volunteer their time.

SIRCH Community Services has provided the institutional support to the clinic, allowing donations to flow through their organization, rather than requiring the clinic to establish a separate charity.

SIRCH also screens potential patients to determine financial need.

From what they've garnered, Gena Robertson isn't surprised many are choosing food and shelter over a trip to the dentist.

"51 per cent of the average person's income they're paying shelter cost. 14 per cent on food. They don't have any money left over. Certainly not for dental," says Robertson, who is executive director of SIRCH and also sits on the committee for the clinic.

According to SIRCH's screening statistics, the average monthly income of clinic users is \$1,492. The average amount spent on food a month is \$210. Average shelter

cost: \$758.

"A lot of people don't go to the dentist because they don't have the finances. They let their mouths go because they can't afford it," Dr. John Purc says.

Purc, along with his wife Kathy, volunteers twice a month at the clinic. He also works as a dentist part-time in Bracebridge and formerly had his own practice in Minden.

Skipping the dentist for lack of money can have a snowball effect - not only do small problems become worse, but fear of the unknown grows.

"[One patient] had to get all of his teeth out. The reason he never did was he was so petrified," Purc recalls.

Judy M. felt the same way.

"I had problems with dentists in the past," said Judy, who did not wish to have her full name published.

Bill helped her get over her fear without sedation, which she used to require to get

through appointments.

"It was really, really good to go there. It felt really comfortable. It's a wonderful atmosphere."

Because Judy's income is low, she qualifies for government assistance with prescription drugs, but has no dental coverage.

When she arrived at the clinic she needed multiple fillings and a root canal.

She's had a few appointments and has one or two more to go, but she's not concerned about it.

"The next time I came back I had a big smile on my face. It's been the happiest time I've ever gone to a dentist in my life," she said.

Judy's friend, Patricia A., had an equally comforting experience.

Living on an old age pension, the Haliburton resident needed fillings, some work

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Angelica Blenich Echo staff

The clinic has been a community project with members of the county helping out in construction, donating art for the waiting room and equipment.

Wait list continues to grow

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on her gums and repair work.

"I found them to be very courteous and very helpful. I was very impressed because I had to pay for some dental work back in the spring because I was having surgery and they didn't tell you ahead of time what your bill's going to be and I couldn't afford it."

The work was nearly \$500.

Patricia says she wouldn't have had that work done if her doctor hadn't told her to, since it was well beyond what she could afford.

"It's a case of what do you do first. I wouldn't have done it if I didn't have to have surgery. I didn't know if I could survive financially after that."

There is real danger associated with putting off urgent dental work.

Lingering infections can lead to septic shock, Purc says, and periodontal problems are closely linked to heart problems.

"You really have to treat the patient to remove the problems they have. It makes a big improvement in overall health."

Haliburton's doctors second that assessment.

Dr. Norm Bottum says the clinic has given him and other physicians a place to send low-income patients with chronic health problems related to the mouth.

"We do see most days at the hospital people with dental disease that can't afford service and have recurring infections and multiple cavities," he says.

"Chronic infections can increase the risk of heart disease. Lung infections can go along with it as well. Their general health will be improved with proper dental care. We're certainly very supportive of the new dental clinic."

The community has been equally supportive, with fundraising efforts that allow the facility to operate into

the spring months.

It costs around \$60,000 to run the facility a year.

Area dental professionals have donated items including dentist chairs, X-ray machines and sterilizing equipment for tools.

And board member Janis Parker gave the clinic the financial safety net it needed.

"I did underwrite the first year so SIRCH would feel comfortable with the program. We've raised enough this summer with fundraising to coast to next spring. We're hoping to do at least 75 per cent of our fundraising at the golf tournament," Parker says.

This year's tournament brought in more than \$22,000 and the committee is planning to do it again on Aug. 16, 2012.

The dilemma remains meeting patient need without enough volunteer staff.

It has forced the dentists to reassess who they can help and to what extent.

"When we see a patient, we do an ideal treatment plan and there are some things within that ideal treatment plan that we are unable to complete and we inform them of the things we are unable to complete. ... If we don't have 20 people with swelling and pain on the waiting list and we can step back and do those small fillings that need to be done [we will]," Bill Kerr says.

"What's happening is over time the waiting list is growing and we're looking for other dentists to step up and add some days so we can get through that list."

Donations to the clinic can be made through SIRCH by going online at www.sirch.on.ca or by sending a cheque to SIRCH with "Volunteer Dental Outreach" in the memo line, 4663 County Road 21, Box 687, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0. For a referral to the clinic, call 705-457-1742 ext. 44.

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And the survey says...

Highlands chamber survey shows what businesses want

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The results from a business survey are revealing a surprising optimism for Haliburton County despite the current economic uncertainty.

There were 98 businesses, representing a cross-section of 15 per cent of all the businesses (that have an address with Canada

Post) in the county that participated in the Business Retention and Expansions Survey, as spearheaded by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Dennis Casey, who is also the acting interim manager for the chamber, presented the findings with a computer-aided page-by-page showcase within the 36-page report to the members of Dysart council during their planning meeting on Monday, Nov. 7.

It revealed, for the most part, the majority of the businesses interviewed were content with the current climate as it is since they are satisfied with the lifestyle that the area affords them, but believe opportunity for the region exists with strategies outlined in the action plans of the report.

The report concludes: The community based approach creates local commitment while developing a knowledge base of what drives their local economy and how they can become proactive in setting the direction for long term community sustainability and growth.

Within the report, there are suggested action plans, or set criteria (of priority, strategy objectives, potential partners, time line and measures of success in quantitative and qualitative terms) for addressing issues such as the seasonal market, business support, business development, workforce development, infrastructure improvements, marketing/communication, municipal improvements, transportation, and community support and services.

One example is municipal improvements where businesses "identified municipal barriers including water and sewage capacity, slow approval process, resistance from local business, lack of serviced land, availability of properly zoned land, availability of space for rent or lease, essential services, social services and the role of municipalities and economic development."

Started in June 2010, the Business Retention and Expansions Survey was undertaken by Casey's company, Roxden Management Services, which was awarded the contract during the request for proposals put forth by the chamber. He conducted the survey and spoke directly with the majority of the survey respondents over the course of a few months. It was then compiled and interpreted for the Haliburton County Business Retention and Expansion Report completed by Shelley Hirstwood Consulting, who is an established economic developer.

Councillor Andrea Roberts was buoyed by the optimism of the report and believes the positive findings were a welcomed surprise, particularly considering the economy and the rural nature of the county.

"In this day and age that's not bad," she said.

This report illustrated a comprehensive breakdown of the business industry in the county, which were divided into retail trade; accommodation and food services; arts, entertainment and recreation; management of business, administrative and

support services; finance and insurance, real estate and rental services and construction to name a few.

Retail trade, which accounted for 33 per cent, was the largest sample of businesses interviewed.

The majority of respondents wanted an economic strategic plan laid out by their municipal governments to address these challenges.

"The business people are looking for some kind of guidance, leadership and something to be done," he said. "I guess it doesn't matter whether it is done at the county level or the township level."

All four of the municipalities are currently in the process of working on strategic plans.

Casey pointed out traditional lenders such as banks should take warning, as more than half of the respondents to the survey said they investigated alternative sources of funding to financial institutions. Among the examples cited were the Business Development Corporation, private investors and venture capitalists.

He said, as is true for all information from surveys, the value exists in the details. He's gone through the report several times and continues to learn new things upon each reading.

As far as what's next, he said the next step is left to the municipal governments.

The survey was part of an effort with the chamber in partnership with U-Links, HCDC and the Haliburton County Economic Development Department, as part of the Local Initiative Project. This was part of the Business Retention and Expansion planning process. This approach helps determine the needs and demands of an area for the groundwork toward an effective action plan.

All of the municipal governments will receive a presentation of the findings from Casey if they have not already.

The data was then compiled using a survey program, Survey Monkey, which enabled the generation of graphs and charts to effectively showcase the information visually.

See the full report at www.hhchamber.on.ca/local-initiative-project.

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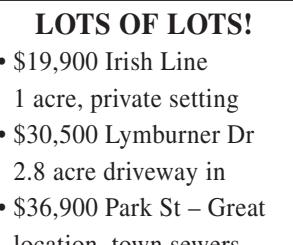
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Rail Trail workshops low on participation

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Sign up numbers for community Rail Trail workshops scheduled for this month are lagging and Kate Hall, the consultant overseeing the new public input process for the corridor, is appealing to county residents to sign up.

Hall visited members of the county's economic development committee at their Nov. 9 meeting where she said she is concerned about the sign up rate for the workshops.

Two workshops are scheduled for next week; one at the Haliburton Legion on Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and one at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.

A second set of workshops which, in Hall's words "will be held to determine solutions to the barriers identified at the first workshops and to gauge agreement with suggested solutions" are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Minden Hills Community Centre at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at Fleming College.

So far, there are no sign ups for the second round of workshops.

As Hall told councillors, the workshops are designed to include 48 people – six tables of eight – and if those numbers are not met, she'll have to reorganize their structure.

To sign up for the workshops, visit the county website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca. Click on the Rail Trail link, then the "community engagement strategy" link and then select a workshop of choice.

A survey about the Rail Trail – asking participants a whole series of questions on how they'd like to see the space used – is being much better received.



4 WD federation donates \$6,020

For several years the members of the Ontario Federation of Four-Wheel Drive Recreationists have enjoyed the various rugged trails in the Haliburton Highlands. Every August, the group holds their annual Camp NL where families from all over Ontario camp, stay in local motels, purchase supplies and participate in guided trail rides in their four-wheel drive vehicles.

This year, the federation donated \$6,020 to the health services foundation to bring their total to \$36,065. Next year will be the big year as the federation will celebrate their 10th year in the Highlands. The group also volunteers many hours and partners with other organizations to maintain the trails.

They appreciate our great hospitals and recognize the need. From left, John Hosszu, director; Brian Sibbles, VP; Carol Ann Darling, director, Camp NL; Dale Walker, foundation executive director; Peter Wood, president; Chris Mills, director.

The funds will support the Seeing is Believing Campaign for new X-ray equipment for the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. This now brings the total to \$120,000 towards the \$300,000 goal. Photo submitted by Dale Walker

Hall said some 1,000 surveys have been received, more than 730 completed in full.

Eighty-five per cent of respondents have been male and Hall said she'd like to see more participation from property owners adjacent to the trail.

"As adjacent landowners, anything that happens on the trail affects them on a daily basis," she said.

To complete the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/M67CVDV. It will be available until Nov. 21.

Links for the survey were sent out through an email blast and Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairwoman Barb Reid told Hall she thought sending out a similar blast promoting the workshops would help the sign up rate.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt reiterated that

the exercise is to be a public vision of a public asset and that anyone is welcome to partake in the workshops.

"People don't have to be Rail Trail users to participate," Moffatt said, adding that county residents are being offered a unique opportunity and that those who don't take part in process have no right to complain about the outcome.

A committee of five chosen by Hall (two members of the original seven-member committee have resigned) will analyze the data gathered through the public input process and then work with the county's economic development committee to create a new user model for the Rail Trail, which will then go to the county council table.

The economic committee is comprised of the county's four reeves.



HOCKEY POOL

Standings	Name	Points	Standings	Name	Points
1	Dave Luke	298	71	Andrew Hall	229
2	Scott LaRue	290	72	Don Chapman	229
3	Eric Casper	287	73	Gord Higgins	229
4	Bruno Campagnolo	287	74	Jame Alden	229
5	Rob Reid	283	75	Ed Dart	229
6	Eric Schuster	278.25	76	Rod Bell	229
7	Bill Argue	276	77	Helen Burk	228.75
8	Nancy Holden	275	78	Rhonda Shaw	228
9	Marcia Bell	272	79	Martin Schuster	227
10	David Douglas	271	80	Morgan Gadway	226
11	Denniella Rivard	270	81	Alex T. Little	225
12	Norm Bottum	269	82	Audrey Sedley	224.75
13	Rick West	268	83	Shannon Robertson	224.75
14	Phil Smith	266.25	84	Dave Prestwich	223
15	J.D. Thomas	264	85	Beryl Rasmus	223
16	Ray Downs	264	86	David Bell	223
17	Brian W. Mulholland	263	87	Dave Taylor	223
18	Ian Kemp	263	88	Ethan Carl	221.25
19	Paul Cameron	262	89	Barbara Cameron	220
20	Darrel Gilbert	262	90	Cameron Bradley	220
21	Donald MacMillan	262	91	Ed Copeland	220
22	Mike Hamilton	262	92	Billy Walker	220
23	Brock Thomas	261	93	Nancy Luke	219.25
24	Dave Ertel	259	94	Lyle Donaldson	219
25	Dale Robinson	259	95	Diane Peacock	218
26	Mark Arike	258	96	Jacob Bishop	217.75
27	Cody Martin	257	97	Eleanor Lymer	217
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30	Tom Marshall	255	100	Bob Sisson	212.75
31	Desroche	254	101	Mark Vasey	212
32	Grenville Barry	254	102	Dwight Thomas	212
33	Ray Lymer	254	103	Steve Bell	211
34	Melissa White	253.25	104	Blake Paton	210
35	Ted Vasey	253	105	Erin Little	209
36	Glenn Hall	251	106	Peter Varty	208
37	Nick Kulas	250	107	Robert McIvor	207.25
38	Jim Chase	250	108	Charles Blackburn	207.25
39	Jeff Burk	249	109	Margie Prestwich	207
40	Gary Thorpe	249	110	Tim Prestwich	207
41	Jeff Barry	248.25	111	Alex M. Little	206.25
42	Rick Cazabon	248	112	Luke Hunter	206.25
43	Ron Sedley	247	113	Al Lauchlan	206
44	Ryan Hall	246	114	Bryan Rivard	205.75
45	Chris Hall	245.25	115	Donna McKay	205.75
46	Don Critchley	245	116	Joanne Hanna	204.25
47	Blake Wood	244	117	Glen Jewett	203.25
48	Frank Darroch	243.25	118	Jeremy Crowder	202.25
49	Ferne Taylor	243	119	Robin Carmont	202
50	Keith McKelvey	243	120	Krystal Sharp	202
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Planner recommends moving forward with veneer property

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Highlands East council on Nov. 8.

Chris Jones of Meridian Planning Consultants addressed questions raised by a local resident about rezoning the former veneer plant property in Wilberforce in a memo to council.

The document answers questions posed by neighbouring landowner Janis Cole, including questions about water scarcity, setbacks, possible contaminants in the soil, and procedural inquiries.

In the end, Jones maintained that the rezoning of the property from heavy industrial to shoreline residential and splitting it into four pieces (one of which would also be zoned commercial) would be beneficial to the hamlet.

"One thing that Chris has identified and recommended is that when the zoning bylaw comes before council it will actually have a hold on it and that hold will stay there until such time [the landowner] Mr. [Allan] Clark has provided information and verification that all the site plan conditions, all the environmental issues, have been addressed," clerk Irene Clark said.

The earliest the bylaw could be passed is December, given a survey is completed by the landowner.

Councillor looks for Habitat support

Councillor Steven Kauffeldt is hoping Habitat for Humanity will consider coming to Highlands East in the next year to build homes for people in need.

He has approached the Peterborough branch of the organization, which is looking for eight local sites to build on.

While nothing has been decided, the councillor was optimistic the group would look favourably on Highlands East.

A decision should be forthcoming shortly.

Landowners can't gate public road

Council denied a request by Ron Miceli and Tony Tsotsos to put a gate at the end of their road, which runs off Monrock Lake Road.

Regular break-ins pushed the neighbours to contact council.

"We both have deep concerns about the safety of our homes and families in light of the three break-ins that have occurred over the last couple of weeks," the pair wrote in a joint letter to council dated Sept. 29.

According to the letter, OPP officers had recommended to Tsotsos and Miceli that a gate be installed since their road was secluded and an easy target.

However, council wasn't willing to block the road, which is an old colonization road and belongs to the municipality.

"Can we ask for more help in this area

[from the OPP]?" Councillor Steven Kauffeldt asked.

Chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton Craig advised that Miceli and Tsotsos would be best to continue talks with the OPP about how to better safeguard the area from thieves.

Water agency pitches services

The Ontario Clean Water Agency came to council with a proposal: it would take over operations in Wilberforce, Cardiff and Dyno Estates for just more than \$219,000 a year.

The Crown corporation already runs the water systems in Minden Hills, Bancroft, Madawaska Valley and Faraday along with 600 other systems.

OCWA would share risk with the municipality, employ one local certified operator, provide technical support and ensure the system is run to provincial standards.

Council will take the proposal under review, but are not obligated to make any decisions.

Currently, Highlands East uses its own staff to oversee municipal water systems.

In 2011, the municipality budgeted \$220,587 to do the job.

Improving trails

In a move to beef up Highlands East's offering of public trails, the trails committee is mapping out pre-existing routes in the municipality.

Councillor Joan Barton, who is also chairperson of the committee, presented council with a loop that has been marked by volunteers around the hamlet of Gooderham.

She said the committee is still looking for an open road allowance to avoid using County Road 503, which is busy with vehicular traffic.

"Our focus on these trails is ... non-motorized," Barton told council, though she said there would likely be motorized portions of any trail, since public roadways are often included.

The trails are being marked using GPS units by volunteers and the committee is still looking for help from those willing to walk established trails in the Cardiff area.

The GPS information will be sent to the county to be included on their GIS (geographic information system).

New oil tank for Essonville Church

Council approved a recommendation by Jim Alden, property supervisor, to buy a new oil tank, platform and lines for the historic Essonville Church.

\$3,500 was set aside for the purchase.

Additionally, council agreed to tender out an outdoor rink container for Gooderham with lights and heat.

A new LED sign for the front of the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena for just more than \$4,000 was also approved.

Reads of the week



Book of the Week, Adult Title:

The Virgin Cure by Ami McKay

Moth is the unforgettable central character of Ami McKay's new novel *The Virgin Cure*, the long-awaited follow-up to her 2006 debut, *The Birth House*.

The story begins with Moth being sold into service as a lady's maid to a cruel employer but the downward spiral of her life continues as she ends up on the streets and later, in a training home for young prostitutes.

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Book of the Week, Teen Title:

Forever by Maggie Stiefvater

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Local Celebrity Read:



Wilberforce's Betty Anne McNeil, who many will remember as the Canoe FM Haliburton County Reads defender of *Water for Elephants*, has recently enjoyed reading *The Long Walk* by Slavomir Rawicz.

McNeil says, "I've read a few books since Haliburton County Reads (Betty White's *If You Ask Me*, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, and *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly - all good reads) but the one that left an impression was *The Long Walk* by

Slavomir Rawicz."

"*The Long Walk* was published in 1955 and has seen some current interest since the release of the movie *The Way Back* in 2010, which was inspired by the real events of the book," says McNeil. "For over a year, ghost writer Ronald Downing interviewed Slavomir Rawicz, whose story it is - and what a story!"

Explaining the plot, McNeil says "In 1941 Rawicz, a Polish army officer had been falsely accused of spying and was sent to a Russian Gulag camp in Siberia for 25 years. He and six other prisoners escape the camp during a blizzard and begin an epic journey, on foot, through Siberia, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert, and the Himalayan Mountains to freedom in British India. This year-long trek, some 6,500 kilometres, was not without casualties or great toil on the health of the survivors. This book chronicles a story of survival and is a testament to the indomitable spirit of man."

You can reserve *The Long Walk* and its movie adaptation *The Way Back* at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Earl Robbins, Corporate Secretary

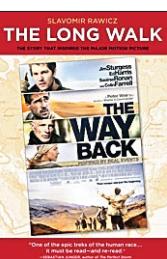


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CAS workers reject new contract

Brendan Wedley
Special to the Echo

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society unionized workers rejected a contract offer Thursday, Nov. 10, choosing to return to picket lines rather than accept an agreement that included a two-year wage freeze and concessions by the employer on workloads, the agency's executive director says.

No dates have been set for future negotiations between the agency and Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 334, Hugh Nicholson said Thursday.

"We're so far apart that I think we need to do some hard thinking before we begin to set those," he said.

OPSEU Local 334 represents about 130 employees of the local Children's Aid Society. The workers have been on strike since Oct. 24 and have been without a contract since March.

The workers have argued for better working conditions, including reduced caseloads and better hours.

An OPSEU Local 334 representative couldn't be reached for comment.

Workers rejected the employer's offer, with 82 per cent of those who cast ballots voting against the contract offer, OPSEU Local 334 states in a release.

"Our strong vote against the employer's final offer gives a clear indication that our working conditions have to change," Local 334 president Jennifer Smith stated in the

release. "Our workplaces are extremely stressful, and we work long hours with very poor job security."

The Children's Aid Society made concessions on the caseload demands, using the contract language from the Windsor Children's Aid Society that was suggested by the union, Nicholson said.

The contract offer also included additional benefits and language that would have prevented layoffs for the first two years of the four-year contract, he said.

Nicholson added that the contract offer included a wage freeze in the first two years of the contract as mandated by the provincial government's legislation on a public sector wage freeze.

The contract would have included a 2.95 per cent increase in each of the final two years of the contract, he said.

Provincially, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and Canadian Union of Public Employees have agreed to the provincial framework for the two-year wage freezes, Nicholson said.

The union was prepared to accept the two-year wage freeze, but it wanted job classification changes that would have increased wages higher than what was being offered in the contract, Nicholson said.

"The jump in classifications here I think locally was probably a way of trying to get around the freeze," he said.

Go to haliburtonecho.ca for regular updates about the local Children's Aid Society strike.



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Sports

Red Hawks hold to old standards

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Perfection may not necessarily be attainable by a mostly new Red Hawks varsity boys' hockey team, but it isn't the end of the world.

Last year's team, which finished the 2009-2010 season undefeated through 12 games, was a team destined for greatness and despite falling short in the playoffs was still regarded as one of the deepest teams Haliburton has ever seen.

This year's group, though young, isn't without talent.

Several seniors, such as the league's top point-getter Brett Yake, who finished with 33 points (nine goals and 24 assists) have returned.

Coach Ron Yake said he's been pleasantly surprised by the first-year varsity players, who have exhibited great speed and grit in the five tryouts and practices (and when he saw them with their respective hockey club).

"I'm happy with the speed of our team, but the challenge is going to be improving our team play," he said, adding discipline will also need to be stressed. "You're not going to have much success if you're taking more penalties than your opponent."

Although the personnel are different, Yake said, he would still look to be aggressive, using the forecheck in most instances.

He admits there will be mistakes in the early part of the season with the younger team.

The goalie tandem of Andi Elia and Zach Harrison are both in their fifth year and will be sharing the goaltending duties, taking turns every game.

Yake said having two solid keepers would pay dividends down the road if they play like he knows they will.

"Teams will play a lot stronger and harder when they know their goalie is going to keep them in the game," he said.

This is only the second time he has had two fifth-year goalies on the team, he said.

Harrison has been nursing a groin injury that has had him miss last week's practice.

It'll be the seniors who have returned that will be looked to for leadership and to set the example for the other players, particularly the younger ones.

"They're the ones that will carry the ball you might say. The other guys need to learn from them. I told them that. My job as a coach is important. Their jobs as senior leaders is important too and they need to show what we've done in the past and how we've had success."

Yake has always stressed discipline and wants it to be known that anyone who cannot control their temper will have a spot beside him on the bench.

"That's how that works. We have lots of guys. I don't accept players that are going to have an impact on the outcome of the game in a negative way ... because it's a team sport it affects the whole team."

He adds it'll be up to him to remind his players to put the team first instead of individual frustrations.

The team will have 20 players on the roster with 11 forwards and seven defence with two goalies. There were 28 players who tried out for the team.

Although last year the team was not entirely made up of giants, Yake acknowledges he has a smaller team. What they lack in physical presence they more than make up with speed and, more importantly, grit, he said.

"You can go a long way with a team as long as they're willing to get their nose dirty," he said.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks varsity goalie Andi Elia, right, gets his left pad on a shot during the final drill of practice on Friday, Nov. 11. Haliburton has lost several players this year and have 12 new players. The team plays its first game at home against Campbellford District High School at the Dysart Arena at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 24.

Bruce Griffith is helping Yake with coaching this season.

The team's first game of the 12-game regular season schedule is against Campbellford District High School in Haliburton at the Dysart Arena at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 24.

Campbellford was not in the league last year. Yake isn't quite sure what to expect, but knows their club teams have been strong so isn't taking them lightly.

Haliburton is scheduled to play six home and six away games.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks varsity hockey coach Ron Yake points to a spot on the ice for instructions to a drill during practice at the Dysart Arena on Friday, Nov. 11. Yake knows several of his first-year players will need some time to adjust and doesn't expect the undefeated season his team achieved last year.



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Boys' basketball team young and eager

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Weeks before their first game of the season, the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team is working hard on the fundamentals in preparation for the 2011-2012 season.

The departure of several seniors such as Luke Watson and Chris Allison has left the Red Hawks program in the rebuilding phase, said an excited coach Dave Waito.

He believes the team will be working the press instead of pounding the ball inside due to the team's lack of size, which averages 5'11".

Far from being the proverbial expansion team, Haliburton is not without its weapons such as first-year senior post Zach Cox, who lists himself at 6'4" and will be the go-to-guy in the post, as the tallest player on the team with strong scoring abilities in the key, second-year guard Damon Flatman and new player Elijah Anger. The few seniors returning from last year are Dylan Smith, Denver Smith, Austin Lloyd and Flatman, who have all exhibited leadership and mentorship skills with the younger players during practices.

The coaching staff that includes Sam Little and Walter Tose is hopeful for the year since the newest players are learning the set plays quicker than expected.

Waito adds it's also encouraging that his team is actively communicating with each other on the court without any prompting by him or his staff.

"When you lose seven veteran guys then the effort is where you're going to have to pick it up as a younger team and so far we're seeing that. They're keen," Waito said.

Coach Tose said he expects most of their opponents will employ a man-to-man defence against them and so it is imperative this team learn the Flex-offense, which is a patterned offense that features passing, screening, ball reversal options and counters. This is an effective method to deal with man-to-man. The tactic enables scoring opportunities on the inside and easy looks for jump shots from the elbow. The screening and defensive switching will provide Haliburton with favourable player mismatches as well.

The team will also employ a 1-2-2-zone defense as an option.

He's been impressed by new player Anger who has shown confident ball handling skills. Flatman and Anger will form the backcourt for the team. Tose adds Grade 12 Marc Dobie has shown exceptional skill beyond the arc, giving the team a potential threat for three-pointers. He cannot remember the last time the team had a downtown threat like him before. First-year player Riley Tait, who has



Darren Lum Echo staff

The Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team runs through drills to learn the Flex-offense, which will be used to break down opponents' defensive schemes this season. Haliburton has only a handful of players returning to the team from last year. With a fairly young squad, the team is relying on effort and an ability to learn a variety of tactics to compete.

shown great effort in practice, has also impressed him.

A junior last year, Alex Turcotte is among the first-year players showing great poise and confidence, leaving the coaching staff inspired despite the absence of last year's junior basketball starters Tanner Ballantyne and Nate Feir, who were expected to join the seniors. Last year's junior starting guard Louis Ferracuti, who has been nursing an upper body injury and just had surgery, is expected to be healthy to play in December.

The coaching staff includes Sam Little.

The Red Hawks first game of the season is on the road at the Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute in Peterborough on Nov. 30. Haliburton will host its first game of the season against the Crestwood Mustangs on Dec. 8.

The team will be heading on the road for more game experience to play in a pre-season bracket tournament in Peterborough at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary from Nov.

18 to 19. They are guaranteed three games in the two-day tournament.

The coaching staff will use the tournament to not only give their players more game experience, but to gauge their team's abilities.

Haliburton is in Kawartha West with Brock High School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

The Red Hawks will play an eight-game regular season schedule that includes games against Kawartha West teams and teams from the Kawartha Central area, which includes high schools from Peterborough.

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Girls' volleyball strike a good balance

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The promise of a new season is never without hope for success.

Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball coach Steve Smith, who is assessing his team during tryouts this past week, has set his sights on winning the Kawartha qualifier despite losing the bulk of his roster from last year.

"It's going to be a tough go, but I think they'll develop into a great team by the end of the season," he said.

Last year's seniors Jenna Dibblee, Alyssa Hobden, Ashley Proctor, Tiffany vanLieghout and Hillary Hawley have graduated. The remaining senior is Grade 12 Grace Diezel.

Despite the departure of the team's solid core, he said, Haliburton is still capable of being competitive. He knows with certainty that a few other teams in the Kawartha West division won't be up to their usual strength, particularly Fenelon Falls Secondary School, who lost their head coach recently.

This year's playing format will include

the usual rally-point arrangement, but has moved to limiting each game against teams to just two sets. Every day of competition will include two and sometimes three opponents, forcing teams to develop and train quicker than ever before.

It's something Smith is ready to tackle, but knows the coming practices will be crucial for bringing along the younger players and for success. He believes with every point being essential that he must actively employ an aggressive offense, attacking rather than playing catch up like teams in the past. Smith will focus greater attention to serving and serve receptions.

Last season the team used a 5-1 formation (where there are five hitters and one setter). This season he has considered using a 6-2 formation, leaving setters to be substituted in and out.

Jessica Rider, the team's setter last year, has looked strong in practice and is adjusting to new challenges with a variety of new attacking options. Kelsi Eno is trying out for the setter's position and with new formation could be integral to the team's attack.

The absence of the powerful spiking Dib-



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks senior Jaimie Dack gets her hand to the ball for a spike, as teammate Jessica Rider, right in pink, watches after her backset in the varsity volleyball team's first practice on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

blee will be a definite hole needed to be filled, but from the first practice alone it looked like veteran Grace Diezel and Sandy Griffith had similar power exhibited in practice.

On the other side of the ball, Red Hawks

libero Casey Pringle may have some company at the position with the arrival of first-year senior Sarah Comer. Comer played with the juniors last year and Pringle was on the senior squad.

Haliburton will play in the Kawartha West division and will be competing against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons, the I. E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans, the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans and the Brock High School Bull Dogs.

The team is scheduled to play eight regular season games, including one Kawartha qualifier. They will play four division opponents and four interlocking games with central division opponents.

The coaching staff also includes Caley Sisson, who was recently absent due to an illness earlier in the week. She is expected to resume her duties this week.

Haliburton is scheduled to host St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute for their first game on Dec. 9.

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Lady Hawks ice a nucleus of strength

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A short season is making every game vital for the Lady Hawks varsity ice hockey team.

Coach Dan Marsden said his second-year varsity team will rely on the strong nucleus of his top players and its supporting members for success in the six game season.

He will have his team focus on skill development and puck possession.

"We control the puck we control the play," he said. "We play as a group. That's the big thing."

The nucleus Marsden refers to is the single-A and double-A players such as Megan Allore, Julia Fedeski, Shelby Hunter and Sam Tallman. However he adds the success for this season and the program's future depends on the supporting cast of players with and without experience.

There are several returning players such as Kate

Denniston, Alex Litwin, Jessica Duchene and Tammy Everitt, who will be looked up to for leadership.

New players trying out this year are Erin Little and Maddie Billings to name a few.

The team has a pair of goalies. Last year's starter Jillian Mayhew will return for a possible final year between the pipes while new goalie Connor Marsden is trying out.

Parent helper Vince Duchene will resume his assistance duties, helping with goalies and with player development.

There are 14 teams in the league with seven in the north and seven in the south divisions.

The top four teams will advance to the playoffs.

Marsden expects four wins should be good enough to earn a berth to the post-season.

The top team will play the fourth place while second place plays third.

Tryouts continue this week and an exhibition game is scheduled this week. Marsden said he hasn't decided if there will be cuts. There have been 15 players coming

out and depending on who can commit to the weekly practice will determine who stays with the team.

Haliburton will host its first home game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons at 2 p.m. on Dec. 1.

Their remaining home games will be against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute on Dec. 8 and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary on Dec. 13. All games are held at the Dysart Arena and faceoff is at 2 p.m.

They will play their other three games on the road against I.E. Weldon Secondary School, St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School and Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute.

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Highland Storm Atom AE defeats Gravenhurst

Highland Storm Atom AE in an away game in Gravenhurst defeated Gravenhurst 9-2 on Wednesday. Scoring two goals each were Miki Bukta, Jake O'Neill and Braden Robinson. Denver Allore, Jordy Schell and Paul Turner netted one goal each. Storm's forechecking was excellent, keeping constant pressure in Gravenhurst's end of the rink. Gravenhurst's attack was stopped cold in the neutral zone for most of the game by a very strong Storm defense.

The Highland Storm Atom AE team won big in Port Carling on Saturday winning their first game 9-0 and their second game 14-3.

Goalie Jaxson Campbell made some key saves to earn a shut-out in game one with Braeden Robinson scoring three goals, while Denver Allore, Nigel Smith and Billy Walker scored two each. In game two Nigel Smith scored three while Denver Allore, Miki Bukta, Jake O'Neill and Billy Walker scored two each. William Petrie, Jordy Schell and Braeden Robinson earned a goal each. Storm's defence worked hard keeping the pressure on by repeatedly trapping the puck at Port Carling's blue line while stopping Port Carling's break-away attempts and on one-on-one rushes.

Missing two defencemen from their lineup, Highland Storm Atom AE fought hard in the Huntsville arena on Sunday but were defeated 8-2 by Huntsville. Storm's

goals were scored by Denver Allore and Nigel Smith.
Submitted by Larry Bukta

Tough Weekend for Bantam AEs

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantam AE team opened up a two game home stand on Saturday facing the Port Carling Thunder. The Storm opened the scoring in the first with Hunter Bishop burying a Caleb Schmidt point shot.

The Thunder replied in the second to tie the game at one each. Both teams played a wide open game with lots of chances but the Storm ran into penalty trouble and Port Carling responded. They scored at 8:41 of the second period and 6:47 of the third while on power plays. The home team worked hard but could not get back into the game and lost 3-1.

On Sunday night the Huntsville Otters came to Minden. They opened the scoring at 11:14 of the first. The Bantam's responded hard and fast and applied a lot of pressure and were rewarded minutes later when Ryan Edwards sprung Jayden Wood on a breakaway and he scored on a low shot between the goalie's legs.

The Otters scored again in the second period and went into the intermission with a one-goal lead. The

third period saw the Storm on the attack but it was the visitors who scored first at 8:19 on a shorthanded effort. With the goalie on the bench Brenden McKee scored from a Jayden Wood pass with 41 seconds still to go. However despite some good pressure and a couple of good chances the Storm were unable to score and went down to defeat 3-2.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Close game against Bracebridge for Peewee As

The Highland Storm Peewee As played host to the Bracebridge Bears on Sunday, Nov. 13 in Haliburton at 4:30 p.m. The Storm was looking for a win against this team, they had won the two exhibitions game but the regular season games were proving to be difficult. The Storm scored first shortly into the first period with a goal by Andrew Hall assisted by Jake Bull and then shortly the Bears got one of their own making it a one/one game. The Storm continued to outskate the Bears but it did not seem to matter. The second goal in the first period by Storm player Max MacNaull, assisted by

see BANTAM page 29

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Bantam B girls on unbeaten streak

from page 28

Matt Wilbee was answered with one from the opposing team making it a tie at the end of the first. The Bears got the go ahead goal about half way through the second period and try as they might the Storm boys were unable to score. The game ended in a 3-2 loss for the Pee-wee As. We face Bracebridge again on Nov. 26 in Minden at 3:30 p.m., maybe the third time will be the charm.

Our next game is Nov. 19 away in Sundridge vs Almaguin, then Nov. 25 another away game in Huntsville at 7 p.m., the game previously mention on the 26th and then a home game against Huntsville in Haliburton at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 27. The Peewee As are sponsored by Dr. Ed Smolen, Family Dentistry.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Girls win all three games

The Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls won all three games this weekend to run their unbeaten streak to six games. Total team play and tireless efforts are allowing the Storm girls to generate scoring chances as well as playing strong defensively.

Friday night the Bantam B squad hosted the Lindsay Lynx Cs. A goaltender battle kept the game close. Syd-

ney Feir snipped two and Cassidy Garbutt chipped in a single in the 3-1 win.

Saturday afternoon the Storm girls travelled to Port Hope to take on West Northumberland. A sloppy first period pushed the Storm squad to step up their level of play. The Bantam B girls finished strong with Kelsey Maracle sniping a hat trick, and single tallies going to Erin Little, Cassidy Garbutt, Maddie Billings and Nicole Black. Final score was 7-4.

Sunday afternoon the Minden Car Quest Bantam Bs travelled to Oakwood to finish the home and home with Lindsay Cs. The girls continued their focused team play and generated numerous scoring chances.

Kenndal Marsden started the barrage of scoring with the eventual game winner as part of a two-goal performance. Other double-dinger scorers were Erin Little and Nicole Black. Jamie Little sniped her first of the season and Cassidy Garbutt added another – her third of the weekend. Connor Marsden turned aside all Lynx attempts in her third shut-out of the season.

Get ready for a Thursday night tilt Storm girls as we battle for first place against the Lindsay Bs in Haliburton at 7:30 p.m. and then take on West Northumberland Bs Sunday at 2 p.m. in Haliburton.

Submitted Dan Marsden



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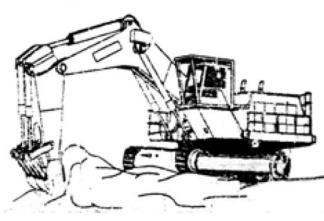
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Music Notes

On the Thanksgiving weekend I met two different people within the space of 24 hours that both had master's degrees in philosophy.

This led to two interesting discussions and ultimately, of course, to the obvious question, "If a tree falls in the bush and there is nobody there to hear it, does it make any noise?"

This then got me thinking about silence and what it is.

Does it have a role in music?

The answer is that it certainly does. I have heard more than one musician say that it is just as important to play the space between the notes, as it is to play the notes themselves.

Timing is everything and silence and pauses in music are very important. For vocalists, phrasing illustrates this and, of course, Frank Sinatra was the master of this.

There are many rock songs that make use of silence, or pauses. *Good Lovin'* by The Rascals, *Monday Monday* by the Mamas and Papas and *Stop, In the Name of Love* by the Supremes are all examples of a pause or a brief second of

silence, put to good and purposeful effect.

There are many others that I am sure readers can think of.

Classical music also makes use of this technique.

Many symphonies, for example, have three or four movements with a break, or pause, between each and of course you are not supposed to applaud between movements.

This is a time of silence, but if you have attended a live performance, you will know that there is really not a silence.

In fact, it has been said that there is no such thing as silence, only intended sound and unintended sound.

American composer John Cage composed a symphony entitled 4' 33".

It had three movements but the musicians were instructed not to play anything on their instruments. It has generally been called *Four Minutes and Thirty Three Seconds of Silence*.

Audiences had trouble with this concept, but that was part of Cage's point. What they were supposed to hear, were the extraneous sounds actually occurring during the movements. Information on Cage and this symphony make for an interesting Internet search.

Much research has been done on sound and silence. Anechoic (without echo) chambers are soundproof rooms that are used to study these things. They are expensive to

build and are generally found at universities – the University of Western Ontario has one – and in large corporations such as Bell and Microsoft.

Apparently being in one of these chambers is a strange and often disturbing experience.

Human beings are not really comfortable with complete silence.

Most have difficulty sleeping without some noise, for example.

I know that when we have people visit from the city they often don't sleep well because it is too quiet!

One gentleman who entered an anechoic chamber expecting to hear nothing, was surprised to find that he heard sounds, both high pitched and low pitched. The researchers told him that what he was hearing was his own breathing, circulation and heartbeat. There is no complete silence.

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For more information, please contact Laura Janke (Treasurer) at 705-286-1333 ext. 224 or by email janke@county.haliburton.on.ca

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NOTICE

The audited Financial Statements for the year 2009 and 2010 for the Municipality of Highlands East and the 2009 and 2010 Municipal Performance Measurement Program results are now available. They have been posted under Downloads - Financial Reports on the municipal website.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan of Survey 19R-9323 made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., dated June 2, 2011; and

Part of Lot 10, Concession 15, Designated as Road Allowance on Plan and Field Notes, Summer Resort Location by J.B. Trepanier, O.L.S., dated March 23, 1957 attached to Instrument Number 16317, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on Plan of Survey 19R-9323 made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., dated June 2, 2011.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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And so in a peaceful, meaningful ceremony last Friday 11.11.11 at the cenotaph in Wilberforce, citizens young and old gathered to honour those who served and those who died in wars or as result of wars. The cold biting wind was a reminder of how troops must have experienced much worse weather for very much longer.

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion branch 624 organized and participated fully in the service. It began with the march of the colours, the national anthem, the *Last Post*, the poignant two minutes of silence, *Reveille*, a hymn and prayers.

Legion vice-president Bob Brown delivered *The Act of Remembrance* followed by the always impressive wreath laying presentations: Hilary Klapow - for our sovereign Queen Elizabeth, Gertrude Godfrey - Silver Cross Mother's Wreath, Canada - Barry Devolin MP, Ontario - veteran Ted Procher, Highlands East municipality- Reeve Dave Burton, Legion- president Mary Dunne, WWI -Linda White, WWII - veteran Len Crawford, Korean War - Cynthia Goodison, Hong Hong- veteran Jack Bartholomew, Canadian Forces- Jason Donaldson, fire department- Bill Wingrove, Volunteer Police Association - Ed Otto for veteran Don Wilson, honouring deceased members- Sarah (Sally) Stirling,

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School choirs led by teacher Carolyn Drake sang *I'd Like To Build the World a Home, Blowing In The Wind* and *The 11th Hour*. Presented to each of the school students was a white cross pin to remind them of those on the graves of many men and women who died in the service of their country. The service ended with the prayer of benediction by Legion chaplain Dave Burton and the singing of the royal anthem *God Save The Queen*.

Appreciation is extended to all involved in the service. Special thanks to sergeant-at-arms Tom Coghlan and to Luann Coghlan for leading the ceremony with great dignity.

Many then joined veterans and other Legion members for a much appreciated hearty warm noon meal served by the LA at the Legion.

We are very saddened by the death of Catharina Goverde a former resident of Tory Hill. She passed away in hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 9 following heart repair surgery. Catharina was a kind, generous lady well respected by her friends and neighbours. She has been greatly missed at St. Margaret's Church since she moved away several years

ago.

A time of visitation and funeral service were held at the Towne Funeral Home in Whitby on Saturday, Nov. 12.

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Julia Barban of Heritage Ballet displayed miscellaneous items to further the funding of the ballet's trip to Russia. The Nutcracker dolls emphasized the goal of the trip to Moscow.

Congratulations to David and Kelly Bell seasonal Green Lake Road residents and their family Joan and John Bell who are the proud and delighted parents and grandparents of twin girls, born on Nov. 7 Rosalie and Julie at 5 lbs 8oz and 4lbs 8oz are doing well.

Euchre scores for Nov. 8: high - Pat Birmingham and Nick Beljetina; low - Ruby Purcells and Ed Muenzel; most lone hands - Norma Geddes and Lorne Birmingham; specials - Ruby Purcells.

Thanks to those who manned (if you can call it that when it was all women) the snack bar during the entire time of the sale. Much appreciated.

Haliburton County Rail Trail Engagement Strategy

The County of Haliburton invites your participation in a **survey and workshops** to plan for the development, operations and management of the Rail Trail.

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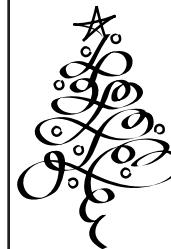
The survey can also be accessed through the CAP computer at your local library and paper copies are available at all Municipal offices.

Workshops will be offered at locations in Haliburton and Minden. Go to the Rail Trail page of the County's website <http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/main.asp?function=municipal&subfunction=municipal§ion=RailTrail>, to register. If you have trouble registering online, please contact Angela Balle at 705-286-1333.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church

Victoria St., Haliburton.

November 19, 2011
10am - 2pmCrafts, Toonie & Bake
Tables, Draws & Luncheon

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• The Minden Food Bank is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Nov 17: The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists will host a presentation on hawk identification given by one of the Kawartha Naturalist's top birders, Dan Bone. Located at the Haliburton museum, at 7:30 pm (come at 7:00 and have a coffee) \$5.00 admission fee will apply to non-members.

Nov 19: Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 Craft Sale at the Minden Community Centre. Anyone interested in participating in the craft sale is asked to call the Minden Legion at 705-286-4541 Also November 19 and December 10 the RCL Minden will host the Highland Trio from 1pm to 5pm. There will be Open Mic opportunities during the afternoon plus meat draws & a 50/50 draw.

Nov 19: St Anthony Roman Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon 10am to 2pm Victoria St. Haliburton, Crafts, Toonie, & Bake Tables, Draws & Luncheon

Nov 19: Craft and Bake Sale Norland School Hall Community Centre, 3448 County Road 45, Norland, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m. Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Soup, Dessert and Beverage \$5.00. Table rentals \$10.00, call Phyllis at 705-454-3206 to book, Sponsored by the Norland School Hall Volunteer Management Committee

Nov 19: Gooderham United Church Christmas Craft and Bake Sale from 10am to 3pm. Lunch available

Nov 20: Joseph's Incredible Journey at St. George's Church at 11a.m. Chili Lunch provided. Donations accepted. Movie to start at 11:45 a.m. in the Church, movie is 127 minutes long

Nov 21-26: Samaritan's Purse: Gift Filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at St. George's between 9am-1pm or at Cranberry Cottage. For more information please call 705-457-2357 or 705-457-9515

Nov. 25: WINTER WARM-UP! Immediately following the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton. Located at the Haliburton Legion, Mountain Street. Hot Chocolate, spaghetti dinner, free prizes. Mrs Santa, Carl Dixon, Amelia & the Mayor. Doors open at 7pm \$7 for Adults, Children under 12 \$5. Presented by the Haliburton BIA, RC Legion Br 129, and the Ladies Auxiliary 129.

Nov 25: Christmas Luncheon located at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main Street, Minden, from 11:00am to 1:30pm, homemade soup, sandwiches and goodies. Homemade baking including our famous tortiere pies, 50/50 draw, doorprizes, bucket auction. Admission \$5.00 adults, schoolage \$2.00, preschoolers free. - Snow date November 26, same time.

Nov 26: Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary's Snowflake Bazaar from 9am-3pm Lunch Available. For more information call 705-754-3319

Nov 26 & Nov 27: 20th Anniversary Highlands Festival Singers present Handel's Messiah at St. George's Anglican Church at 7:30pm and November 27 at 2:30pm. Cost \$20 per person

November 26 & 27: Apsley Artisans Christmas Show and Sale at the Royal Canadian Legion main street Apsley. Local There will be live music and hot lunch provided by a local farm

Nov 28: Blood Donor Clinic Haliburton located at Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br.129. from 12:30pm - 6:30pm Call 1-888-2 Donate to book your appointment Please note location can change please confirm location when booking your appointment

December 3: Greetings of the Season Christmas Night Music presents the Mundall Family, at Galway Hall at 6p.m. Roast Beef Dinner, Christmas Loonie Auction, Draws and Door Prizes. Tickets \$12.50 for more information please call Diane Austin at 705-448-2635 or Joyce Brown at 705-488-2687

December 4: Christmas Open House at the Haliburton Auxiliary Gift Shop, 7199 Gelert rd. from 12 noon - 3p.m. FREE Photo with Santa between 1p.m. & 3p.m.

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date. **NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Finally, to those who sent flowers, meals and words of sympathy, we her family are grateful and appreciate all of you and are blessed to belong to such a caring and loving community.

Sincerely, The Bain Family.

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There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each one must go alone;
And there is a light we cannot see
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No words we speak will ever say
How much we miss you everyday
Gone are the times we used to share
But in our hearts, you are always there

We will always love and miss you,
Yvonne, Mike and Family

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In loving memory of Douglas Wood
November 13, 2010
Sadly missed and loved by
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It's hard to believe that you have been gone from us
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since we've heard your voice, your laugh and
shared a warm hug. We miss you more than words
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